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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

THE MENACE

On the wall near the desk of the editor of this paper is pasted, all by itself, so it draws plenty of attention despite its small size, a sketch which very skillfully, with few lines, portrays the barest indication of an important personage's head.

One visitor asked: "Why do you keep that menacing looking sketch of Nixon over your desk?"

"Precisely because it does look menacing," was the reply. "In fact, I call that little sketch THE MENACE. It is the menace that hangs over the White House, and over the desks and benches and assembly lines of all us labor people."

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INCOMPETENCE; MALICE

For the menace we face is that indolent incompetence in the White House may be succeeded by active malice.

Willard Shelton in the AFLCIO News said the other day that the real experts on government in Washington, whether Republican or Democratic or nonpartisan, do not "expect very much of the President. They don't expect him to work hard! they don't expect him ever to learn much about the details of the Government he is supposed to administer . . . They consider him intellectually flabby and lazy, a man who won't read, something close to a sycophant toward bankers and corporation executives who flatter him by enjoying—or pretending to enjoy—bridge and golf as much as he does."

Yet, as Shelton says, "the country, so far as can be judged from opinion polls and simple observation, is satisfied with the bargain it bought in 1952 and again in 1956."

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THE BIG QUESTION

That is what makes THE MENACE on the editor's wall so real.

For it is the man pictured in that sketch on the wall whom the "flabby and lazy" man in the White House has chosen to be his successor.

Will the country, including many labor people, accept active malice as the successor to indolent incompetence?

CLC delegates seated

Delegates to the Central Labor Council obligated Monday by President Al Brown were: Book Binders 31-125—Shirley J. Carns; Communications Workers 9490—Norry S. Correia; Postal Clerks 78—Franklin V. Holland.

TEAMSTER BREWERY Workers called a strike this week at the Hamm brewery in San Francisco and the Budweiser plant in Los Angeles. Contract expired March 31, Statewide negotiations recessed April 25.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Teamsters leave CLC as Meany verdict given

All local unions of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters retired in good order, and with the expressed good wishes of the remaining unions' delegates, from affiliation with the Alameda County Central Labor Council at the CLC meeting this week.

The reading of the letters from the Teamster locals followed a report by CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash on the conference an 11-man subcommittee of the council's executive committee had with AFLCIO President George Meany in San Francisco last week.

The conference was held as the result of a motion passed at a recent meeting of the council, calling for direct communication with Meany while in California on the question of whether or not the Teamsters should quit the council.

Meany made it plain, said Ash, that he realizes there are hundreds of thousands of good men in the Teamsters Brotherhood, and that he realizes also that the local Central Labor Council has no quarrel with the Teamsters here. But Meany said that the AFLCIO convention had ordered the Teamsters out, and that so long as he, Meany, is president, he intends to do what he can to enforce the commands of the convention and to live up to the united labor movement's constitution.

Meany was asked if it would be all right for officers of the council who are Teamsters to remain in the council as delegates from other unions which might give them credentials. Meany replied that this was all right so long as such persons did not remain for disruptive purposes.

There was applause when CLC President Al Brown announced from his elevated platform that he was now a delegate from the News Vendors and added that he peddled papers long before he ever ran a milk route as a member of the Teamsters' Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Local 302.

"So I feel quite at home in the News Vendors," said Brown.

It was stated that other officers of the council who are Teamsters will remain as delegates from unions other than their own.

The delegates authorized a subcommittee of the executive committee to confer with the Teamsters on cooperation between the council unions and the Teamsters as problems with employers arise.

Office 29 laundry pact has health-welfare plan

Office Employees 29 new contract with the laundry and cleaning industry provides not only for a 6-cent hourly wage increase, but for a \$7.50 per month health and welfare plan effective May 1, President John Kinnick announces.

NO CLC MEET MAY 5; NOMINATIONS MAY 12

There will be no meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday, May 5, due to the Union Leadership Conference sponsored by the council being under way in Monterey.

The next CLC meeting will be held Monday, May 12, at which time nominations will be made for the place on the executive committee made vacant by the death of Al Fineman of the IUE; the election will be held at the next meeting after that.

Many labor people are unregistered as menace rises

Alameda County registration for the June 3 election stands at a record high for a primary, with 427,297 eligible to vote, County Clerk Jack Blue announced Monday.

The evening of that same day Bud Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546, warned that there are still many thousands of union members in the county who remain unregistered.

"Many of these people," said Williams, "know about the threat of 'right to work' and about the candidacy of Senator Knowland for Governor, but all they do about it is to talk; they just don't register. And I'm afraid that a good many business agents and other union officers are doing that same thing. Unless all paid officers of all unions turn in and work at this, we're going to enter the November general election badly handicapped."

Williams reminded the council that the week before he had told of finding 30 out of 40 union members in a San Leandro shop still unregistered, and therefore unable to vote in the June 3 primary.

One union, he said, recently sent out letters to upwards of 5000 members on the political situation, containing return-addressed cards on which the members could tell whether or not they were registered.

"Yet only 162 out of nearly 5000 even took the trouble to return the card," said Williams. "This shows you can't trust to mail reminders—you've got to get out and register them!"

Meanwhile, the Knowland forces are moving heaven and

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STILL TIME TO APPLY FOR MONTEREY MEETING

There is still time to apply to the Central Labor Council office if you wish to attend the Union Leadership Conference at Monterey May 4-7.

CORRECTION — In last week's issue East Bay Labor Journal erroneously stated that the UC Institute of Industrial Relations was assisting the council in preparing the conference. Fact is, the Central Labor Council is solely sponsoring the conference.



SUNDAY, MAY 4, 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., on Radio Station KGO, be sure to listen to the play, "Boomer Jones," to be heard coast to coast on that date over 250 stations of the American Broadcasting Company. Hollywood's William Holden and Marie MacDonald are shown above rehearsing for the play, a true story of the building of an American trade union, written by Morton Wishengrad and directed by Mel Ferrer. The special broadcast is a public service presentation by the International Association of Machinists, now celebrating its 70th birthday. The broadcast will also feature a special anniversary message by IAM President Al Hayes.

Machinists celebrating 70th birthday of union

The million-member International Association of Machinists, AFLCIO, is celebrating its 70th birthday this month with an unusual series of special meetings, radio broadcasts and other anniversary activities from coast to coast. Lodges in Alameda County are participating with special programs.

The union — founded May 5, 1888, by 19 machinists who met secretly in an Atlanta, Ga., locomotive pit—is today one of the largest labor organizations in the world, holding collective bargaining agreements with more than 15,000 different firms in the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, the Canal Zone and Puerto Rico.

The IAM's anniversary program, keyed to the slogans, "Justice on the Job—Service to the Community," will include:

- Special anniversary meetings by each of the union's 2,099 local lodges throughout the continent.

Wives, husbands, sons and daughters of IAM members have been invited to attend these meetings for the first time. Each lodge has also invited a prominent community leader—a mayor, school official or clergyman—to discuss labor's role in community affairs.

- A continent-wide broadcast of the IAM's own radio show, "Boomer Jones."

The program, a dramatic history of the union, will be heard Sunday, May 4, over the American Broadcasting network of more than 250 radio stations in the United States, Canada and Hawaii. "Boomer Jones," written by Morton Wishengrad and directed by Mel Ferrer, stars William Holden, Marie MacDonald and Brian Donlevy. ABC station KGO will carry "Boomer Jones" from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

The broadcast will also feature a special anniversary message by IAM President Al Hayes.

- A special birthday celebration and telecast in Atlanta, Ga., the birthplace of the IAM.

The Atlanta celebration will take place Sunday, May 4, in that city's Grant Park, scene of a monument to Tom Talbot, founder and first president of the IAM. A giant birthday cake, bearing 70 candles, is being prepared for the occasion.

AUTO MACHINISTS INVITE ALL TO 70th BIRTHDAY

Automotive Machinists 1546 invite anyone interested in the labor movement to come and bring family and friends to a meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Labor Temple, 2815 Valdez Street, Oakland, for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the International Association of Machinists. Three distinguished speakers will address the meeting, Business Representative E. H. Vernon announces: District Attorney Frank Coakley and Scout Executive Frank Dix of the Boy Scouts of America will discuss what unions have done for the community; and IAM General Vice President Roy Brown will discuss the task unions face today.

IAM anniversary activities during May will also include a planned program of speeches by the union's 900-man field staff before Parent-Teacher Associations, social and fraternal organizations, civic clubs and professional groups.

The purpose of this program, according to IAM President Hayes, "is to call attention, not only to our union's 70th anniversary, but also to explain the objectives and the policies of the labor movement as a whole."

"In these times, when the newspapers, magazines, radio and TV are preoccupied with the sins of a few unions, every labor

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Pipe Council has good convention

The 38th annual convention of the California Pipe Trades Council was held at Hotel Leamington over the weekend, with Plumbers 444 and Steamfitters 342 as host unions. There were 154 registered delegates and visitors, making it the largest convention in the history of the council.

James Martin, Steamfitters 342, was reelected secretary-treasurer. A fuller report of the convention will be found in the Steamfitters column in this issue.

HOW TO BUY

Termite-protection fees

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

When the warm days of Spring arrive, any homeowner may be shocked to see swarms of flying insects arise inside his house. These may be merely "flying ants", or they may be the dreaded termites that cause much damage to houses in most parts of the U. S.

If you have termites you may be in for an expensive bill unless you know some straight facts. Even the fees charged by reliable exterminators are big. It's not unusual for homeowners to fork over \$300 to \$600 for termite-eradication jobs, or pay \$30 or more each year to have a man come once a year to apply chemicals. Termite jobs have been known to run into thousands of dollars.

If you get into the hands of one of the unethical outfits in the exterminating business, you may pay a high fee and get only slipshod, unsatisfactory work. The sharpshooters are known for their fast talk, high-pressure attempts to get your name on a contract quickly, and a succession of new addresses, warns Dr. John Schmitt, Rutgers University entomologist.

Many people who bought new houses in recent years think termites are found only in old buildings. Some already have been disillusioned. Their own houses have been attacked. More are going to learn the hard and costly way about the wide prevalence of these destructive wood-eating insects unless they take precautions beforehand. It's in the fourth year of a house's existence that termites often give signs that they are sharing your residence with you.

The fact is, many new houses are built carelessly so they invite termites. Builders could provide an effective metal shield at a cost of about \$60-\$75 and avoid certain bad construction habits. One of the most dangerous is the concrete-topped terrace filled with earth. Dr. Schmitt points out that often the earth fill under the concrete contains scrap wood and lath. This is a cordial invitation for termites to come live there.

Too, often dirt fill is banked closely around the exterior siding or shingles. Framing lumber and posts even may extend into the ground. All exterior woodwork should be at least six inches from the earth.

Many postwar houses have

been built on concrete slabs, with heating coils in the floor. Slab houses are not termite proof. On the contrary, says Dr. Schmitt, termites have several ways to get in. One is at the expansion joints at the edges of the slab. Also, wood stakes may have been used to support the heating pipes in the floor. Furthermore, the heated slab provides a nice warm all-year climate for termites where they can multiply.

Houses with partial basements built over skimpy crawl spaces, also provide all-year warm earth for termites. Such crawl spaces need to be ventilated.

If a swarm of flying insects has risen inside your house, you'll probably have observed it. It's not hard to tell termites. Flying ants have "pinched-in" waists. Termites have the "chemise look" — thick, almost straight bodies. Both ants and termites have two sets of wings. If the two sets are most the same length, you've got termites. You also can send specimens to verify whether they are termites to the Entomology Department at your State University, or to the Division of Insect Identification, Agriculture Research Service, Washington 25, D. C.

Even if you haven't seen termites swarming, watch for discarded wings in or near the house and basement.

If you know termites have attacked neighboring homes, check your own by testing, with an ice pick or sharp knife, beams in the basement around the perimeter of the house, the bottom row of exterior posts and frames. Especially test the basement timbers resting on the foundation.

Infested wood may seem all right on the outside but be almost hollow when you tap it and your knife will go right into it.

Watch for the appearance of narrow mud tunnels on the exterior foundation walls. Termites construct these tubes to get back to the soil for the moisture they need to survive. But destroying the tunnels is no complete assurance of getting rid of the termites.

Are you losing the vitamin C?

About three-fourths or more of the Vitamin C in vegetables may be retained by proper cooking while improperly cooked vegetables may retain as little as one-fourth.

To conserve vitamin C, the following rules are suggested: (1) Cook the vegetables while fresh and crisp; (2) Cut them sufficiently for quick cooking but avoid chopping extremely fine or crushing; (3) Cook in a minimum of water in a covered vessel for as short a time as possible; (4) Avoid use of soda; (5) Serve as soon as possible after cooking; (6) If possible, use the cooking water for soups, sauces and gravies.

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To the Ladies FROM the EDITOR

"WE MUST EAT fully aware that many people on earth are starving," Dr. Margaret Mead the distinguished anthropologist told a recent conference on diet.

She had previously pointed out that "we are the best fed and the most overfed people on earth. And people who feast when other people are starving—and there are millions who are—don't behave very well."

THE SAME CONFERENCE, though, had other speakers who brought out the fact that despite our feasting, our squandering of money on all kinds of tasty thingumbobs, our dietary lacks are appalling: there are vitamin deficiencies at every income level, and 20 percent of the population is overweight.

But nutrition campaigns are now hard to get going, it was stated, because, while at the beginning of World War II it was considered "patriotic to keep the nation physically fit with proper diet, when the war ended, manufacturers wanted to drop the term, nutrition, because Americans labor under the illusion that the terms nutritious and delicious are incompatible."

AS THE CHILD EATS, so will the adult eat whom that child matures into. That was another point brought out at the conference: "The food eaten and the way it is eaten by the young will determine what and how they will eat for the remainder of their lives, whether they dine in a cafeteria, restaurant, in a diner, or at home."

Menu planning, then, is important!

The big ten worst buys

The Federal Trade Commission which checks advertising to protect the American consumer from getting gypped, has come up with a list of the "10 worst buys". Here they are:

- Cure-all medicine.
- "Earn big money at home" deals.
- Hair restorers.
- Correspondence schools that promise government jobs to prospective students.
- Lotions that positively prevent sunburn.
- "Do it yourself" eyeglass kits.
- Lawn seed that produces grass that needs no mowing.
- "Reconditioned" articles advertised as lures.
- Phony furs.
- Television repair come-ons.

Those mud pies

"I wouldn't worry too much if your son makes mud pies," said the psychiatrist, "nor even if he tries to eat them. That's quite normal."

"Well, I don't think it is," replied the mother, "and neither does his wife."

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

BOOST THE LABEL!

BUY UNION LABEL PRODUCTS ONLY

When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

THE BUSINESS AGENT is the administrator of the labor movement.

Therefore "the care and feeding" of the business agent is a subject of great interest to all men and women who work and who expect to have their interests taken care of by these men.

So important is this subject that the East Bay Labor Health and Welfare Council and the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California recently held a joint conference here, entitled "The Health of the Business Agent."

Today's business agent has come a long way from the "walking delegate" of earlier days, a man appointed by his union to check up on the jobs in his craft and see to it that they were being run on union rules.

Like everything else in our modern world this occupation has become an exceedingly complicated one. Not only must this man be familiar with the problems of his particular craft, but must also be familiar with a whole string of political and financial implications, and must be a competent public relations man for the people he represents.

Therefore, like many business men today, he is subjected to innumerable strains and pressures. He must go to many night meetings. He must hold unending conferences in "smoke - filled rooms." And he must at all times be on the alert.

This means he must have good health. To maintain good health under such trying conditions is no easy matter, as any business agent or his wife will tell you.

Hence this conference, where the practical everyday matters of such a life were discussed. Tobacco, for instance, and its effect on health. Alcohol, which is often present at conferences, an insidious underminer of the greatly needed alertness. Tension and strains were also discussed, as well as how such a man can avoid serious overwork, render maximum service to his union, and also be able to serve his family and community.

Some business agents are women, of course, and most of the men have wives and families. Thus this subject is one that many women are vitally interested in and are happy to see that problems they have long worried about in private are now being discussed in public. That's the way to begin to get something done about it.

Taxes and the wives

A taxpayers' society in London found the only way to describe present British tax policies was to report:

"There was a time when a man took along his secretary on a business trip and said she was his wife. Nowadays, for income tax expense reasons, he takes along his wife and says she's his secretary."

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Booze, 'bacey outcost health

It comes as a jolt to some students contemplating medicine as a career to learn that the American people spend more for tobacco and alcoholic beverages than for medical care.

In 1956, Americans spent \$5,700,000,000 for tobacco and tobacco products and \$9,400,000,000 for alcoholic beverages, for a total of \$15,100,000,000.

For medical care, exclusive of death expenses, they spent \$12,100,000,000.

Marriage counseling

The following pamphlet, published recently, may be of interest to families:

"What is Marriage Counseling?" by David R. Mace (25 cents; Public Affairs Pamphlets, 22 East Thirty-eighth Street, New York 16). This twenty-eight-page pamphlet describes the work of the marriage counselor and indicates why and when troubled couples should seek his services.

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Andre N. La Roche runs for Hayward High board May 20

Andre N. La Roche, member of Painters 127, is seeking the office of Trustee on the Hayward Union High School Board in the election May 20.

La Roche is the past Secretary-treasurer of the old Southern Alameda County Voters League, AFL.

"Through this south county voters league and the vigorous work of brother La Roche elections have been won and candidates favorable to labor have been elected," says the committee backing La Roche's candidacy.

La Roche states that as Trustee of the high school he would try to continue the good work done by Robert Taylor and Bob Ash, members of this board. He seeks to fill the vacancy created by the election of Robert Taylor to the San Leandro City Council.

La Roche said that in the true spirit of democracy he will try to enlarge this Hayward High School Board so that all areas of this high school district will be represented. It is his feeling that Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Ashland, South Hayward and Hayward all should have representation on this board.

He also is in favor of Proposition 1 and 2 and urges all labor to cast a yes vote.

"At the present time La Roche is serving as chairman of the Hayward Airport Commission and all that know him and his work in that capacity feel that he will also do a good job as a Trustee on the Hayward Union High School Board," says the committee supporting his candidacy.

New edition of States booklet on 'Employment Security' is available

The Department of Employment has just published a revised edition of the booklet DE 4526, "Questions and Answers About California's Employment Security System", and it is available free to union representatives upon request.

This handbook, originally prepared especially for use by those who either represent groups of employees or are in a position to advise members of the work force on matters relating to employment and unemployment, has been in popular demand by union representatives, officials and shop stewards. They are encouraged by the Department, at this time, to request the revised edition.

Copies may be obtained by writing to George J. Croda, Labor Relations Representative, Department of Employment, 745 Franklin Street, San Francisco 2.

Spanish language circulars on RW

Spanish language circulars on the "right to work" question are now being distributed to California labor unions, it was announced recently by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Haggerty said that there are more than 500,000 Spanish-speaking people in the state and that the overwhelming bulk of them are wage earner members of various trade unions.

Haggerty said copies of the circular could be obtained from state AFL headquarters, 995 Market Street, San Francisco.

National Agricultural Workers Union headquarters have already distributed thousands of copies among farm workers, Haggerty said. — State Federation Newsletter.

Meany in Bay Area talk hits Russ clamor for summit meet

Soviet leaders do not want to eliminate "causes of world tension" through a summit conference—"but desire to exploit these tensions in the interest of Communist world domination," George Meany, president of the AFLCIO, said last week in a talk before the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco.

Meany also hit Communist propaganda for ending of nuclear tests, pointing out that no plan "which could be enforced through international inspection" has been accepted by the Russians.

He also declared: "The present economic recession has without question a definite bearing on our position as a nation in world affairs. We cannot afford to risk delay in taking measures to keep our economy healthy, strong, and growing."

As to summit conference, Meany said, "Let us look at the record."

"First, keep in mind that there was a summit conference with the Soviets in July of 1955, in which our nation participated along with the French and the British. Agreements were reached by the heads of government calling for the reunification of Germany and for a determination of the future of the satellite states of Eastern Europe by free elections. This was agreed to unanimously by the heads of state of the four great powers.

"But, at a meeting of the foreign ministers of the summit nations, called in November of 1955, to implement the decisions reached and the agreements consummated at the July meeting, the Soviet delegation repudiated every single agreement to which they had committed themselves at the conference of the heads of state.

"In considering the Soviet drive for a summit conference keep this one amazing fact in mind. The Communists took over control of every single one of their neighbor countries, who are now Soviet satellites, in the face of a treaty of friendship with each and every one of these nations.

"Every time Mr. Krushchev or his recently demoted mouthpiece, Mr. Bulganin, have called for a summit conference in recent months, they have hedged and fenced in their call with restrictions and prohibitions against the leaders of state even discussing the vital issues and differences which are at the bottom of present world tensions.

"One of the conditions which Moscow has set up in its communications calling for a summit conference is that, there be an understanding barring discussion of problems like the plight of the Hungarian people and of the other captive peoples in the Soviet satellites. Under the Soviet terms, the question of German reunification could not even be placed on the agenda of the conference.

"If the Western statesmen were to go to a Summit Conference on these terms, it would be disastrous for world peace and freedom. They would—by default—be placing the stamp of approval and final legalization on Communist Russia's destruction of the national independence and democratic liberties of the people of the ten European nations now held as captive states of the Soviet Union.

"This would be a disastrous step toward the domination of free democracies and independent people all over the world. And this, let us remember, is the real Communist goal—to be at-

tained by brazen fraud or brute force, or both.

"Another field in which Communist propaganda has been hammering away at the free world is the testing and production of nuclear weapons. If we were to fall victim to the constant hammering of the propagandists of Moscow, you might get to believe that the Soviets were willing to give up nuclear tests and were in favor of banning production of fissionable material.

"The truth is that the Soviets have never been ready to accept an agreement which could guarantee that both sides would keep their commitments in these matters."

Meany reminded the Commonwealth Club that "American labor's interest in foreign affairs is not something new. Back in 1917, Samuel Gompers was the dominating influence in bringing about the creation of the International Labor Organization when the peace treaty was signed after World War I.

"American Labor for its own preservation must have an interest in preserving peace and promoting freedom.

"Every dictatorship of modern times has destroyed the free trade union movement as a necessary first step to the establishment of complete control."

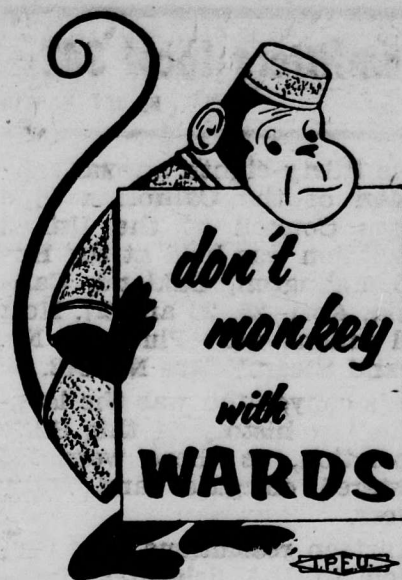
Film showing dangers of 'right to work' ready for use by the unions

Copies of the anti-"right to work" film, INJUSTICE ON TRIAL, are available for union showing in California, it was announced recently by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Haggerty said the 16 mm film runs for 20 minutes and organizations interested must provide their own projectors and operators. Sixteen copies of the film are on hand in California.

Requests for the labor film should be sent to either San Francisco State Federation headquarters, 995 Market Street, or the Los Angeles office, 530 West Sixth Street. — State Federation Newsletter.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!



Montgomery Ward
UNFAIR
to
Retail Clerks AFL-CIO

Billy Graham's comment to Ike, & COPE's remark about Graham's comment

"Washington — (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham called on President Eisenhower and said he told him a tremendous moral awakening has taken place while Mr. Eisenhower has been in office. Graham said that it has been an unparalleled awakening to which he thinks the President has contributed by his churchgoing and things he has said."

In a recent report by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, he says that from 1955 to 1956 crime increased 13.3 percent, and that crime had increased "almost four times as fast as the population since 1950." He also says: "Arrests of young people under 18 increased 17.3 percent in 1955. Arrests in other age groups increased only 2.6 percent."

What kind of a moral awakening did the evangelist have in mind?—COPE

Polvorosa busy in Holmdahl campaign

Antonio Polvorosa, member of the San Leandro Planning Commission, is president of the Club Iberico, vice-president of Democrats of San Leandro, and vice president of the Northern California Steelworkers Education and Legislative Committee, has been named as co-chairman in the 14th Assembly District of the campaign for election as State Senator of Oakland City Councilman John W. Holmdahl.

Irving O. Johnson, president of the Alameda Democratic League and 14th A. D. representatives on the board of the California Democratic Council, serves with Polvorosa as co-chairman.

Ward's refuses to rehire strikers

Striking Retail Clerks have asked local unions and central labor councils throughout the state to join in a vigorous denunciation of Montgomery Ward's strikebreaking policies.

In a letter to more than 2500 unions and councils, the Clerks charged that "Montgomery Ward has taken the one final step that labels it clearly and beyond any question an anti-union firm."

That action, the Clerks' letter declared, was the company's announcement that it would not re-hire any of the Retail Clerks who have been on strike at Ward stores for nearly four months. The company said the union's insistence on returning the strikers to their jobs is a major obstacle to a settlement.

In answer to the company's stand, the California State Council of Retail Clerks asked local unions and councils to approve a resolution condemning "the actions and attitudes of Montgomery Ward which are so clearly anti-union . . ." and to urge their members, families, and friends to withhold their patronage from Wards until a fair settlement is reached."

Culinary Alliance reelects officers

Officers of Culinary 31 were re-elected unanimously for 4-year terms at a recent meeting of the membership, as follows: President Edrie Wright; Vice President Ethel Geer, Secretary-Treasurer Frances Kaczmarek; Business Representatives Betty Borikas, Jody Kerrigan, Alma Phillips, and Elmo Rua.

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Vigorous housing program is urged

WASHINGTON — The AFL-CIO has called upon Congress to "take immediate and vigorous steps to meet the nation's housing crisis."

"Housing construction must be greatly stepped up to provide the immediate spark for economic recovery and to meet the long-term needs of our mushrooming population," the AFL-CIO Executive Committee said in a statement adopted unanimously.

The Executive Committee, at its Washington meeting, urged Congress to take four specific steps and noted that in 1957 less than a million new homes were built, "the lowest level in nearly a decade."

The AFL-CIO urged these four measures:

"1. No slowdown in slum clearance and urban redevelopment. At least \$500 million a year should be provided to stem the engulfing tide of slum blight and permit genuine city rebuilding."

"2. An improved and expanded low-rent public housing program with authorization for construction of at least 200,000 units a year. Urban redevelopment cannot go forward unless the thousands of low-income families displaced from their homes are assured decent alternative accommodations within their means which only public housing can provide."

"3. A new moderate-income housing program. Low-cost, longterm financing must be available to permit moderate-income families priced out of today's housing market to obtain good homes that they can afford."

"4. Federal encouragement for cooperative metropolitan area planning to facilitate balanced growth of metropolitan areas."

WALTER H. FIEBERLING has been named chairman of the finance committee in the campaign to reelect Alameda County Supervisor Leland W. Sweeney for the 3rd District at the June 3 election.

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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The thirty-eighth annual convention of the California Pipe Trades Council of the United Association was held at the Hotel Leamington, Oakland, California, April 25, 26 and 27. Host local unions were Plumbers No. 444 and Steamfitters No. 342.

This convention was the largest in the history of this State Association, as there were 154 registered delegates and many visitors.

Thirteen resolutions were presented to the delegates. Principal speakers were Brother William T. Dodd, executive vice-president of the United Association; Brother Tom Hambly, 6th vice-president of the United Association; General Organizer John Regan, New York; General Organizer Archie Virtue; Apprenticeship Coordinator Dan MacDonald; and many others representing State Associations, Building Trades Councils and employer associations.

Saturday evening a dinner dance was enjoyed by some 350 delegates and their wives and guests.

Election of officers was held Sunday, with the following elected: President, C. E. Koons, business manager, Local No. 230; vice-president plumber from Southern California, Joe Walsh, business manager, Local No. 78, Los Angeles; vice-president fitter from Southern California, Paul Jones, business manager, Local No. 403, San Luis Obispo; re-elected plumber vice-president from Northern California, William Francis, business manager, Local No. 447, Sacramento; vice-president fitter from the north, Joe Mazzola, business manager, Local No. 38, San Francisco. Also, this writer was reelected Secretary-Treasurer.

Delegates representing this local union were James Martin, Lou Kovacevich, William Weber, Don Stallings, Jack Mathews, Bennie Gosney, Guy Raymond and Earl Gibson representing the Northern Pipe Trades Council.

This local union's delegates will make their reports at the special called membership meeting to be held May 15.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

You are well aware that the union sponsors two bowling teams—one in Oakland and one in San Francisco. We have also informed you that we have had two matches between the teams, the results of which, both teams had won three games and lost three.

On Sunday, April 26, we had the third and deciding match at the 19th Avenue Bowl in San Mateo. Even the third match went down to the last game before a decision was reached, as each team won a game.

In the 3rd game, the Oakland boys came out on top, approximately thirty odd pins over the San Francisco team—so we will have to assume they are the champs.

After the game, both teams with their wives, came to my house for refreshments and dancing. It was on returning to my home that we all had a surprise coming, inasmuch as my

wife had a cake with a miniature trophy, bowling ball and pins, plus a miniature "How to Bowl" book, as decorations. Needless to say, the Oakland team received the trophy, and we of the San Francisco team, received instruction on "How to Bowl".

We are sorry to have to inform you that Charles Carleton, a member of this organization for the past ten years, passed away Saturday, April 19.

Brother Carleton has been employed at Granville's Jewelers, Geary and Market Streets, for a number of years. Prior to that time, he had been employed at Niederholzer Jewelers and Granat Bros.

Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

Attending the April business meeting were Agnes Anderson, Wava Barber, Elanore Clapp, Bea Cameron, Bea Christensen, Wilma Frazier, Tress Flanagan, Martha Light, Mary Nall, Julia Sjoborg, Anna Strand, Nathalie Sterling, Peggy Smith, Jo Wheeler.

Reports of Committee Chairman were made. Outstanding was the success of the social held in Wilmas home. Alta Benonys won the door prize.

At the sewing club in Anna's home Bea Christensen entertained with music and Bea won the door prize.

Discussions were had of the annual birthday dinner to be held in May.

At the close of the meeting Mary Nall was lucky winner of our dish towel.

NEWS BITS

Jean Moss, a son born April 15. Reno — Wilma Frazier and Mertlene Artman spent a few days there recently, reporting a wonderful time.

Oversight — sorry Julia Sjoborg's name was not included among those attending Jo Wheelers pot luck dinner recently.

President Elanore Clapp announces elections of officers will be in June. Every one please get in their reports.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

Registration in both Alameda and Contra Costa counties is at the highest point in history. With some 950,000 total population in Alameda County, registration stands over 427,000.

A lot of those persons registered are of course labor people, so now that they're registered, the job is to get them to turn out and vote in the June 3 primary. And after that, there should be no complacency about the registration: there will be a drive to get more working people registered by the September 11 deadline, so they can vote in the November 4 general election.

Extra efforts are being made by the "right to work" people to get enough signatures for their petition to make this anti-labor measure qualify for the November ballot. It makes good sense to know what you and your wife are signing, if anyone puts a petition before you—you might be signing away your union's rights! Even a little examination of this "right to work" proposal should prove it is NOT in the interest of working people.

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Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

After hearing my wife and a number of others complain that I am getting too lazy, I will try and stop these complaints. As an excuse we were given to understand that the District Council would have some painters news every week but so far it has not materialized.

At the last two meetings it was discussed whether to have the ladies at one of our meetings. It was decided that for once the ladies should be given a treat. The entertainment committee is busy on this, so be sure to keep Thursday, May 22 as a special date to attend the painters meeting. This is for the ladies. The men can stay home and watch television. More about this later on.

The past several meetings have been fairly attended but I am sorry to say that it has been by the same faithful few. You members who stay away from your meetings should realize that all decisions made at a meeting affects you as well as those that attend.

Now that we are in the middle of a real political battle to elect representatives who will have the say on some of the vicious laws that the Knowlands and Goldwaters and others of their kind are trying to put over I believe that each and every one of us should do our part and not let George do it.

Special notice to all members who pay their dues by mail: Please contact the office before sending your July, August, September dues because the quarterly dues are going to be increased.

Sorry to report the death of brother Francis R. MacDonald who met with an auto accident April 12. Brother Horning, still at home, says that he may soon expect to have visitors. R. D. Weber still in the hospital. Have no other reports, no new babies reported and darn poor fishing.

Recession makes politics urgent

WASHINGTON — The nation's economic crisis calls for redoubled effort by union members to back candidates in the primaries and general election who will support a program to put America back to work, James L. McDewitt, director of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education declared.

In a statement noting current reports of increasing unemployment, McDewitt called on "working men and women and their families and friends to support candidates for office who pledge themselves to work for a program to halt the deepening recession and put the jobless millions back to work."

This program, said the COPE director, includes a tax cut for low and middle income groups, a public works program keyed to public housing, hospitals, schools and highways, increased levels and duration of jobless benefits. It means also, said McDewitt, improved social security benefits, aid for distressed communities and extension of minimum wage coverage.

"The simplest and easiest way" to support candidates who will support this program, he added, is to contribute to COPE, register and vote.—AFLCIO News.

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CWA cites speech on how GOP made present recession

J. A. Beirne, general president of the Communications Workers of America, has supplied presidents of CWA locals here and throughout the country with copies of a speech made by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) before the CWA bargaining conference held in Chicago some time ago.

Beirne feels that "this particular address was one of the finest I have heard in a long time, and should prove helpful in selling CWA's bargaining program."

"The concern of the CWA for the welfare of all Americans was demonstrated," said Humphrey, "when it proposed to Secretary of Labor James Mitchell that he appoint a board of eminent Americans to study your union's collective bargaining proposals to determine if they were in the best interests of the American people."

Humphrey declared that "the Administration has been successful in its plan to bring about a recession. Its tight money has brought about the rising unemployment the Republican Party desired."

As far back as July, 1957, the monthly letter of the First National City Bank of New York, of which the GOP former Under Secretary of the Treasury, W. Randolph Burgess, was executive committee chairman prior to joining the Administration, argued that inflation was due to excessive wage demands forced upon business due to the "labor shortage."

The bank's letter proposed what Senator Humphrey called "a very simple solution to solve the alleged labor shortage." He then quoted the bank's proposal: "The way to hold back the pressure of excessive wage advances on prices is to relieve the labor shortage which is created by attempting too many projects at one time. This can be done by making money harder to borrow and by curtailing public expenditures."

Later W. Randolph Burgess, former officer of the bank, and still Under Secretary of the Treasury at the time he was questioned by Senator Kerr of Oklahoma about the bank's attitude, said of the bank's statement in the monthly letter: "I think it is a very good statement."

"And the entire Administration," said Humphrey, "from the President on down, obviously agreed, as tight money became even tighter, interest rates soared to new heights, and budget cuts were secretly ordered."

Len Lawson, president of CWA 9415, feels that the passages just quoted from Humphrey's speech, along with many others in it, can be used very effectively by the union.

World labor group makes protest to Franco on suppression of strikes

BRUSSELS — A sharp protest against the suppression of civil rights in Spain and the brutal repressive measures taken against strikers has been sent Generalissimo Francisco Franco by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

"Free trade unions are in sympathy with these strikes, which have been caused by deplorable living conditions and not by Communists," ICFU General Secretary J. H. Oldenbroek said in a cable to the Spanish dictator.—AFLCIO News.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

Be sure to attend and bring the family and friends to the meeting at 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, at which time there will be a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Machinists.

The preceding day, Monday, May 5, has been set by Governor Goodwin J. Knight as Machinists Day in a proclamation issued April 17 in which he declares "it is an honor and a privilege for me . . . to urge my fellow Californians to join in honoring an organization which has become a great institution."

Three distinguished speakers will address the meeting: District Attorney Frank Coakley and Frank Dix, Scout Executive for the Boy Scouts of America, will talk on what the union has done for the community; and General Vice President Roy M. Brown of the IAM will talk on union affairs.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meeting will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

All members are urged to attend a special credit union meeting to be held at Carpenters Hall, Tuesday at 8 p.m., May 27, 1958.

Starting in the month of June a special feature will be held to try to stimulate better attendance at our union meetings.

Stewards meetings will be held Thursday at 8 p.m., May 15, 1958. Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., May 28, 1958.

Of special interest to all members is the right-to-work meeting to be held at the Oakland Auditorium, Monday at 8 p.m., May 19, 1958. This is being sponsored by the Building Trades and Central Labor Councils of Alameda County.

You are asked to attend and bring your family and friends.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings each Friday at Labor Temple, 1541 Mattox Road, Hayward, at 8 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Stewards meeting May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWIner 3-1120.

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on May 3, 1958, at 2:00 p.m.

At this meeting, a representative of an insurance company will present and explain a group medical and hospital plan which has been recommended by the Health and Welfare committee of Local No. 257 after careful and exhaustive study. The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of the local is May 8. This is a regular meeting of the local. But the meeting of May 22, at 8:00 p.m. is a special called meeting. There will be a very interesting motion picture shown on the much talked about labor wrecking "right to work" bill, we will also have a very good speaker to talk on the labor view of the bill.

All members are requested to come and to bring their wives to this very important meeting on the "right to work" bill. There will also be refreshments served for all. I hope to see each and every member and the wives at this special meeting May 22. A card will also be sent out to all the members to remind you of the date and time.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held May 3. We will meet at 2 p.m., the time decided upon at the last meeting. This is not a definite permanent time for meeting, but just for this meeting only.

All members should attend, their help is needed on decisions for negotiations. Remember May 3, 2 p.m., and the meeting place is Eagles Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue. The executive board will meet at 1 p.m. As usual, Coffee Jennings will serve refreshments.

Fraternally,
CHARLES HOBBS,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

A regular meeting of the local is scheduled for Friday night, May 2.

Fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 6.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

AFLCIO Maritime Department drive

DETROIT — The AFLCIO Maritime Department has voted to inaugurate a campaign to organize between 25,000 and 30,000 Great Lakes shipping industry workers.

The drive was voted by about 200 representatives of 12 of the 13 unions affiliated with the department at a special conference here and grows out of a recommendation approved by the departmental convention in Atlantic City in December.

The objective is preparation for a sharp jump in shipping activities when the St. Lawrence Seaway opens.

The campaign will be under the direction of the department's executive secretary - treasurer, Harry E. O'Reilly, who was organization director of the AFL before it merged with the CIO.—AFLCIO News.

Railway executive says Government may have to run lines to save them

WASHINGTON — A warning that the federal government may have to run the country's railroads was sounded by Chairman G. E. Leighty of the Railway Labor Executives Association as he concluded testimony before the Senate subcommittee conducting hearings on the "precarious" plight of the carriers.

"If the railroads are going to be operated to the benefit of corporate financiers, as some are at present," he said, "consideration must be given to government ownership and operation in order to protect the public."—AFLCIO News.

Chaudet is made honorary member, Letter Carriers

Joe W. Chaudet, general manager of East Bay Labor Journal, has been made an honorary member of Branch 76 of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The declaration issued by Branch 76 says:

"Mr. Joseph W. Chaudet during his tenure of office as Postmaster of the City of Oakland, California, did create strong bonds of fraternalism with Branch 76, its officers and members, by the true spirit of friendship, tolerance and understanding which characterized all his dealings with the entire postal personnel under his authority."

Adding that "the test of many years proves that Mr. Joseph W. Chaudet is, and always will be, a true champion of the aims and purposes of the National Association of Letter Carriers," the declaration points out that under his management East Bay Labor Journal has cooperated "in the solution of our problems, and particularly in our salary legislation drives, by affording us favorable and invaluable publicity."

The Declaration of Honorary Membership is signed by Branch 76 President John R. Trindel, Recording Secretary M. P. Sglav, and by the resolutions committee, Ralph Curtis, Daniel Sweeney, and Robert Kaprielian.

\$26 million wage menaced by bill

Bert Simmons, an employee of Alameda Naval Air Station, told the Central Labor Council this week that if the Hiestand bill goes through some 7400 workers at the station will be thrown out of employment, and a \$26,000,000 annual payroll be lost to the area, counting work also that will be lost to local shipyards.

The bill, introduced by Congressman E. W. Hiestand of Los Angeles, would shift work now done here to private firms in the southern end of the State.

New Bakery Union sues the old one

The new AFLCIO American Bakery & Confectionery Workers, set up after the expulsion of the old international, has filed suit in Washington, D. C. Federal District Court for an accounting and division of assets of the old international.

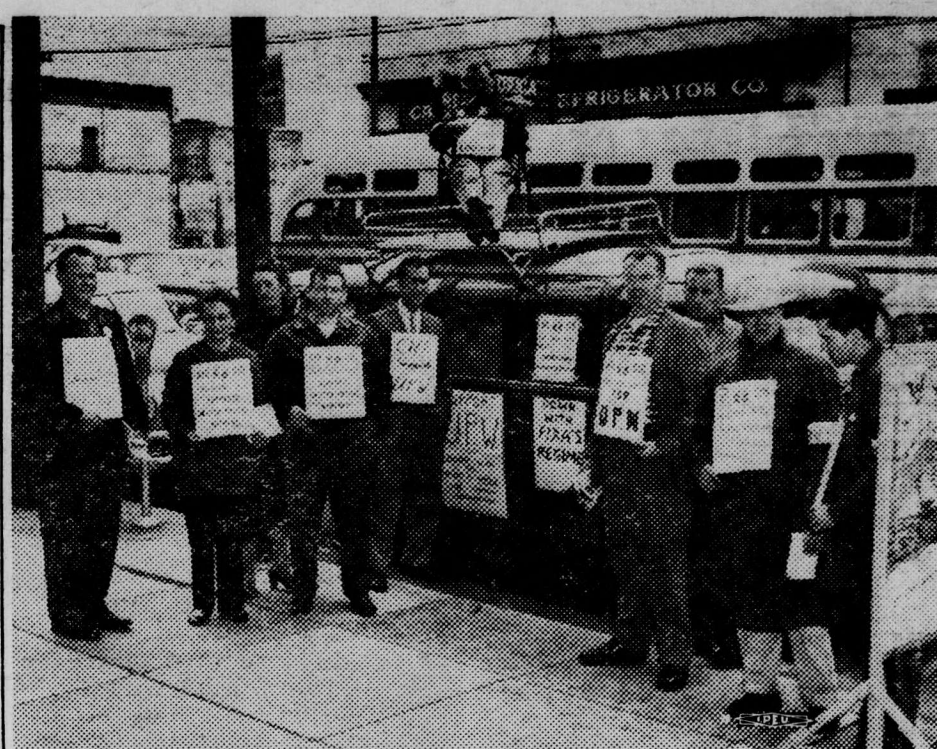
ABC General Counsel Henry Kaiser said the assets of the old international total nearly \$6 millions. The old international was ousted on corruption charges.

Pickets at barber shop, San Leandro

Barbers 134, with the strong backing of the Central Labor Council, has placed pickets in front of a nonunion barber shop in a little shopping center across the street from the Dodge plant in San Leandro.

Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx watched over the operation, as the landlord and the owner of the stores interposed objection. Sig J. Olsen of the Barbers said that he wished to thank the Teamsters for the splendid co-operation they were giving.

JEFFERY COHELAN, Democratic candidate for Congress in the 7th Congressional District, will speak at the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Dinner on Friday evening, May 2, at Athens Athletic Club.



FOUR CWA LOCALS members in the Bay Area joined with other unions in staging an hour long demonstration outside the main San Francisco Post Office on March 29th. The 350 pickets were on hand to protest the firing of two top officers of the United Postal Workers, Local 1136. President Eustace and Secretary Monroe were dismissed for their attempts to inform the public of unsavory working conditions that exist in the Postal System by picketing the same spot last November.

Journal cartoon drawn by Mailer

Dave Grundman, whose cartoon captioned "A Big Overhead," showing Knowland's "right to work" law hanging in the form of a sword of Damocles over the head of the unions, appeared in East Bay Labor Journal April 18, is a member of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18. Other cartoons by Grundmann will appear in this paper from time to time.

Cartoons by Grundmann have appeared in Illinois papers, where Grundmann formerly lived, notably in the Oak Lawn Independent, the Mount Greenwood Express, and the Evergreen Park Courier.

Grundmann was born in Chicago, and educated in grade and high schools there. He took art courses in that city, which long ago established a reputation as an art center.

PURCHASING POWER of the take-home pay of factory workers in the San Francisco-Oakland area in March dropped to the lowest level in three years, the Department of Industrial Relations reported.

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Roy Reuther will speak in Oakland

Roy Reuther will speak at 8 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the Leamington Hotel, and anyone interested in the effect on general employment of layoffs in the automobile industry is invited to attend.

Harry Whiteside of the United Auto Workers announced this at the Central Labor Council meeting this week. Whiteside said that the membership of the UAW had already been reduced by the layoffs, and cited the fact, reported in the daily press, that the big union has been forced to make many economies.

Whiteside pointed out that when one automobile worker is laid off, that lays off four men working at supplying parts, and if the layoff lasts very long, a total of 11 men supplying steel, rubber, and various items get laid off.

On Saturday, May 10, Roy Reuther will confer with UAW representatives in a general session at the Leamington.

JUDGE STANLEY MOSK, endorsed Democratic candidate for Attorney General, received the unanimous endorsement of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, it was announced.

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Coronet reports 'Labor's labor of love' for people

Where does the job of organized labor begin and where does it end? In times of disaster or need, says the current issue of Coronet Magazine, labor unions have been among the first to volunteer their manpower and money to perform unselfish feats of public service.

In a feature article titled "Labor's Labor of Love," May Coronet reveals that union members are breathing a thousand forms of life into unionism's slogan: "What's good for the community is good for labor." And the rewards, for unionists and the public at large, are rich indeed.

Union members, says Coronet, are spearheading drives to combat juvenile delinquency, to provide employment opportunities for handicapped persons, to foster public understanding and awareness of such diseases as diabetes and alcoholism. All over the country, in fact, alert, community-conscious unionists are finding imaginative ways to help in times of need.

Millions of dollars are collected by union members for special charities outside the scope of joint community campaigns. Union contributions to heart, cancer, TB, polio and other drives are huge, and some unions have their own special charities.

For example, May Coronet cites three local unions in San Jose, California, which last fall, contributed a total of \$4,500 for the down payment on a new school for retarded children. And in Harlington, Texas, unionists donated nearly \$20,000 for the construction of a home for neglected and dependent girls. Labor unions completely disregarded jurisdictional lines and came to the rescue of Cameron Parish, La., when Hurricane Audrey all but obliterated the community.

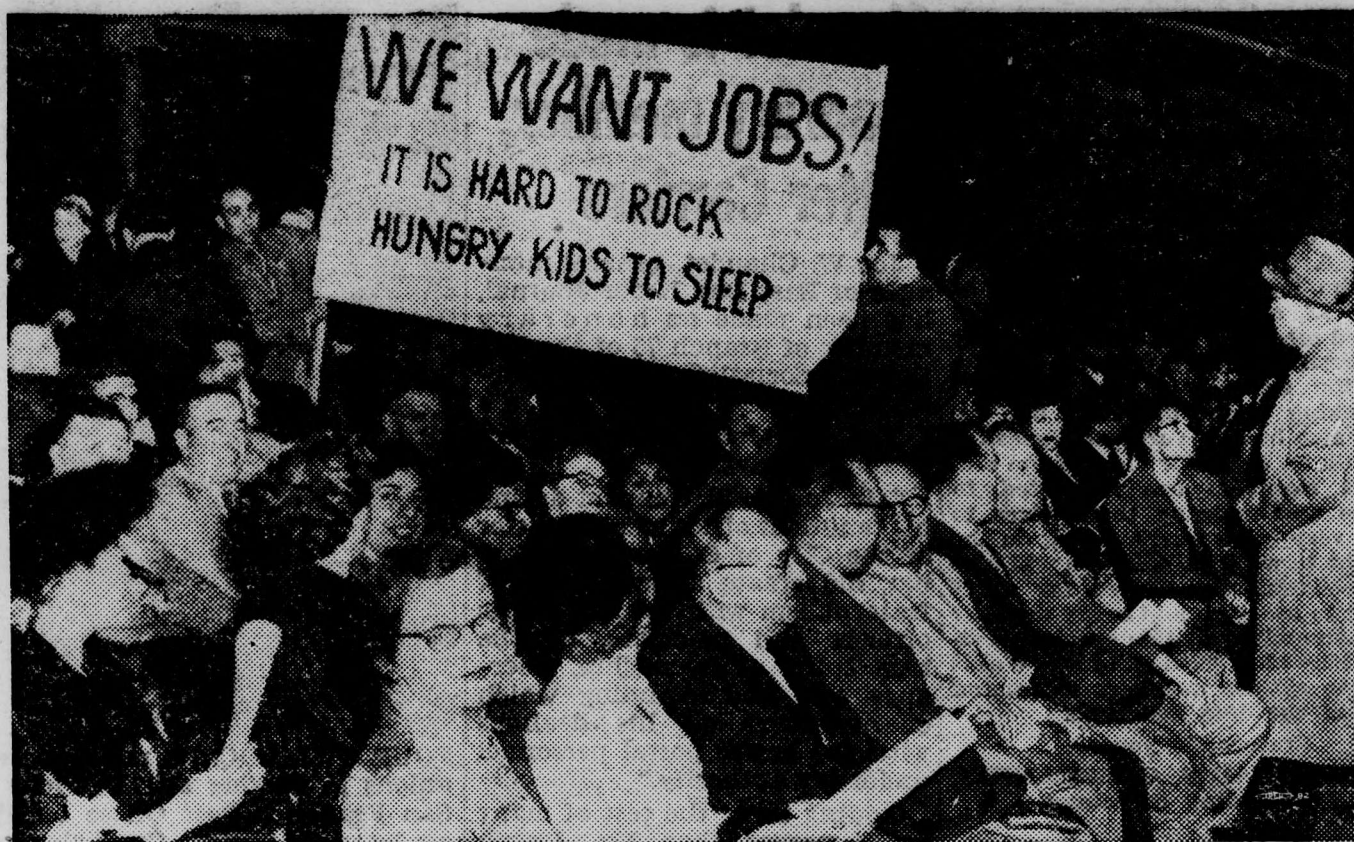
Holmdahl backed by the Machinists

John W. Holmdahl, Oakland City Councilman and attorney, officially endorsed for the office of State Senator from Alameda County by the California Democratic Council, has received formal notification of the endorsement of his candidacy from the Bay Area Machinists Non-Partisan Political League.

"Holmdahl is by far the best qualified candidate for this important office," declared John T. Schiavenza of San Leandro, president of the League and Secretary-Treasurer of the statewide Conference of Machinists.

"In doing a terrific job as Oakland City Councilman," Schiavenza stated, "he has demonstrated the ability, capacity, and willingness to represent the interests of the public fairly and effectively. The I. A. M. is, therefore, pleased to announce their support of John W. Holmdahl for State Senator from Alameda County."

JOE PETRUCCELLI, president of the United Auto Workers' Local No. 333, has made the announcement that the group had gone on record as unanimously endorsing Ben A. Minton for Superintendent of Schools of Alameda County.



A PAINFUL TRUTH which is emerging in all parts of the country is told concisely in the banner raised by the Connecticut AFLCIO rally of 2000 persons to urge a special session of the Legislature to enact emergency anti-recession legislation.

Letter Carriers State convention

Led by President Ralph Trindel, the following delegates are attending the California State convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers in Sacramento, California, May 2, 3, 4.

L. D. Nowak, M. P. Sglav, A. P. Klaiss, Jr., D. J. Sweeney, A. B. McClintock, Ralph Curtis, R. G. Christian, H. B. Buckalew, Chas. Mincolla, R. E. Dunstan, W. E. Croken, R. J. Clarke, S. T. Green and R. Kaprielian.

The convention is presided over by President Raymond A. Kreyer.

National President William C. Doherty is scheduled as the main speaker at the dinner Saturday evening. Governor Knight opened the convention Friday.

One of the main resolutions being considered is on union-management relations, and a better means of securing needed salary adjustments, liberalization of retirement legislation, Government hospitalization for Post Office employees and many other employee benefits.

Walsh-Healey wage setting protested

WASHINGTON — Protests against failure to consider pay raises granted between the time of Labor Department wage surveys and hearings on minimum wage determinations under the Walsh-Healey Act in two industries have been filed with Secretary James P. Mitchell by AFL-CIO President George Meany.

Meany took issue with the determinations for the surgical instruments and apparatus industry, where the minimum set was \$1.25 an hour, and for the paint, varnish and related products industry, where Mitchell found the prevailing wage in October 1956, the date of the survey, was \$1.55.

Failure to incorporate wage increases after the date of the survey, Meany contended, reduces the Walsh-Healey minimum "below the appropriate level."—AFLCIO News.

Demand the Union Label!

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Retail prices continued their steady upward trend and reached a new quarterly record high in March, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The all-items index of the Bureau jumped 1.5 percent between December '57 and March '58, one of the sharpest quarterly increases in years, to reach the new all-time peak of 126.7, with the average for the period 1947-49=100. The March index represented an average increase in the retail price level of 3.6 percent over March 1957.

Les Moore praised for civic labors

Leslie K. Moore, business agent for Auto and Ship Painters 1176, was reelected to the board of directors of the International Institute of Alameda County. Mrs. Roy A. Legge of Piedmont was also reelected president of the United Crusade-supported agency.

At the installation meeting of the new board, Mrs. Legge paid tribute to the fine quality of service rendered the Institute by Mr. Moore.

"The labor movement, as well as the entire community, should be proud of the civic service which Mr. Moore has provided through this agency," Mrs. Legge declared.

International Institute is one of 84 agencies in Alameda County dependent on the United Crusade for the major share of its operating funds. Last year the agency received \$35,586 from last fall's Crusade drive, with the balance of its total budget of \$41,516 coming from client fees and activities of the membership of the organization.

DR. JAMES F. KING, professor of history at the University of California, will deliver the fourth lecture on the current session of the Oakland Technical Adult School Public Affairs Forum when he speaks on "Latin America's Instability—Aftermath of Dictatorship," Tuesday evening, May 6.

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Free trade unions May Day statement

BRUSSELS—A re-dedication to the fight for human freedom against economic, social and political slavery was pledged by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in its annual May Day manifesto.

In most of the world labor's "Big Day" is May 1, rather than the first Monday in September as in the United States.

"If there were ever any illusions that Communist dictatorships could liberalize themselves," the manifesto said, "they have been destroyed once and for all. On the contrary, since the brutal suppression of the Hungarian people's brave revolt for freedom, we have seen that the screw has been tightened again everywhere. At the same time, the imperialist policy of subjugating formerly free nations to slavery continues.

"The circle of caudillos and military dictators may have grown smaller, but the fascist danger is far from completely banished and the vicious Franco regime is still in power.

"And in the Middle East, political maneuvering cannot hide the abject poverty of the broad masses of people.

"And, while colonialism is receding, we must never give up our fight for the right of all nations to guide their own destinies, nor cease our vigilance against violations of the integrity of those newly freed. The free world can only be as strong as it is truly free." — AFLCIO News.

University man is made labor research intern in AFLCIO department

WASHINGTON — The AFLCIO has awarded its first labor research internship to Rudolph A. Oswald, a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin.

Oswald will spend one year in the AFLCIO Department of Research as a staff member working in the field of economic analysis, labor legislation, collective bargaining developments and related issues.

The internship program was announced last fall by AFLCIO Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler to help train competent young people for positions in trade union research work.—AFLCIO News.

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Haggerty declares tax reduction law will be on ballot

The state AFL-backed tax revision initiative is certain to qualify for placement on the November ballot, it was announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Haggerty said the Citizens Committee on Tax Equality, official sponsors of the measure, was prepared to submit approximately 575,000 registered voters' signatures with county registrars on the required filing date of April 28.

If adopted by the people in the general election of November 4, the initiative will

(1) slash the state sales tax from three to two percent

(2) reduce the state personal income tax on single persons earning less than \$8,000 and married couples earning less than \$15,000

(3) increase the state income tax on the wealthy to a maximum of 46 percent on taxable incomes over \$50,000.

Haggerty said the 575,000 figure would represent a record in state initiative efforts.

Under California law, sponsors of the tax measure will be obliged to file at least 322,429 signatures on April 28; the April date marks the end of the 90-day signature period given sponsors from the date the petition title was granted by the Secretary of State.—State Federation Newsletter.

Ward's understand words: NO SALES!

Velma Cloward of Turlock, winner of the second weekly Montgomery Ward essay contest sponsored by the Retail Clerks, said in her \$100 prize statement, in part:

"NO SALES is a language Montgomery Ward can understand. The walking picket can't do it alone—union families can."

The weekly contest conducted by the Retail Clerks is continuing, and all union members, as well as the consuming public, are eligible to compete.

Answer this question in 100 words or less: "In what ways can union members and the consuming public help convince an anti-union employer like Montgomery Ward, which believes that unions should have no part in determining wages and working conditions of its employees, that its attitudes toward labor are all wrong?"

Mail entries to RCIA Contest Editor, DeSales Building, Washington 6, D. C.

Few signs of any boom till autumn

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — "Few signs" of a revival of U. S. economic activity "before autumn at the earliest" are seen by the Economic Council for Europe in its annual economic survey of the continent.

The course of the recession in this country, the ECE report said, will be a strategic factor in the economy of Western Europe in the next few months. A generalized decline in activity, the United Nations agency continued, "would indeed be serious not only for Western Europe but also for the rest of the world."

Not only is the U. S. recession likely to affect western European countries directly, it added, but also indirectly by cutting down on their purchasing power because of a decline in exports to this country. One of the complicating factors is that foreign exchange reserves are now low except in West Germany.—AFLCIO News.

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UNEMPLOYMENT! That was the one item on the agenda of the over 600 representatives of international AFLCIO unions who jammed the ballroom of the Commodore Hotel in New York and unanimously endorsed a 7-point program to achieve the all-important purpose of putting people back to work.

Letter wrapped in asbestos by Ash

John King, Grand Lodge representative of the Machinists, appeared at the Central Labor Council this week to warn the delegates that by mistake a letter to unions from a Democratic group had asked for funds which would be used in campaigns to elect Federal officials.

"This is of course illegal under the Taft-Hartley Act," said King, "and the paragraph in the letter was sent by mistake."

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash commented that he was more disturbed by the fact that a political group was sending solicitations for money to unions than by the mistake in one paragraph. He said that during the last several election campaigns he had been telling political groups and individual candidates that the union movement is raising its own money for campaigns, and do not wish to have separate or individual appeals made to them.

Ash said he had already written a letter protesting the solicitation, and that he had "wrapped the letter in asbestos" before putting it in the envelope, so it wouldn't cause any fire in Uncle Sam's mail sack.

Foreign trade's 4½ million jobs

The U. S. Department of State calls attention to the importance of foreign trade as a job-creator for American workers:

Without the essential raw materials we used to import, hundreds of American factories have cut their production or closed down entirely.

Now that American production of automobiles, telephones, TV sets, household appliances, and farm tools is sharply curtailed, many men and women in these industries are unemployed.

Thousands of laborers, salesmen, stenographers, accountants, bookkeepers, engineers, machinists, and advertising men are looking for other jobs.

And to the list of the unemployed have been added the millions of American wage earners who owed their livelihood directly to foreign trade — the packagers and processors of imported products, the buyers and sellers of foreign wares, the men who manned the American ships which carried goods to and from our shores, and the men and women engaged in the production of goods for export.

Foreign trade provided more direct employment than the textile, auto, chemical, and steel industries combined. Over 4½ million wage earners—about 7 percent of our entire labor force—owed their jobs to trade.

Congress asked to make up for Ike's evasion in budget

WASHINGTON — The AFLCIO frankly asked Congress to take action in its appropriation bills to meet the new problems left unmet by President Eisenhower's 1959 Budget Message.

Hyman H. Bookbinder, legislative representative, pointed out that "very little" in the President's budget reflects a consciousness of the challenges of the Soviet sputniks and the economic downturn.

He specifically called on Congress to grant the Labor Department funds to reestablish studies of the "City Workers Family Budget," which was dropped after 1951 but was previously "a most useful tool for appraising actual family living conditions. New statistics are now almost at the point of availability, he said, and he urged that Congress instruct the department to complete the work and "publish the results."

Eisenhower's proposals reflect, Bookbinder said, a "mistaken notion" that the country "cannot afford" both adequate defense and general welfare, that the government "is doing too much" in welfare programs and that "a balanced budget" should be sought "ahead of the goal of meeting America's needs."

Testifying before the House Appropriations subcommittee on Labor and Welfare Departments budgets, he emphasized that the President's proposals in these fields represented "inadequate levels" voted last year when Congress was tangled in an "economy wave."

Both Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell and Welfare Secretary Marion B. Folsom, he pointed out, have "indicated complete support for the programs" created for their departments, and "it is hard to believe that they are satisfied in all cases" with the money to operate these programs recommended by the President.—AFLCIO News.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA Transit District Directors have voted to eliminate Key System rail facilities from their evaluation petition before the State Public Utilities Commission.

IAM 70th birthday being celebrated

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organization must do everything possible to let the public know about constructive union programs and useful union policies.

"On the occasion of our 70th anniversary, we of the IAM intend to do all in our power to let the people know the good we are doing through our unions, not only for our members, but for the community and for the entire country."

(Note—See editorial page for Governor Knight's proclamation of Machinists Day.)

Labor auxiliaries to publish paper

WASHINGTON — The AFLCIO Auxiliaries soon will begin publication of a newspaper to be circulated to all members.

The paper will be printed in Boston, with Executive Vice President, Mary Cass, of that city, as editor. Present plans call for the publication of four issues during the remaining months of this year, with monthly publication beginning in 1959, according to Secretary-Treasurer Winnie Christmas.

The new paper is only one of the many signs of steadily growing interest in the Auxiliaries since the merger of the AFL and CIO groups in Atlantic City in December, 1957.

Affiliation of the Machinists Auxiliaries, representing some 6,000 members, was one of the major gains. Auxiliaries of the new American Bakery & Confectionery Workers set up by the AFLCIO after expulsion of the old Bakery & Confectionery Workers because of its corrupt domination, are taking steps to affiliate.

Widespread interest has been expressed in a number of other organizations, and the wives, daughters and sisters of union members in many parts of the country have indicated a desire to organize in new local auxiliaries.—AFLCIO News.

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Ash made chairman of Northern State Engle campaigning

Congressman Clair Engle, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, has appointed Robert S. Ash, vice president of the California State Federation of Labor and executive board member of Labor's League for Political Education, as chairman of his AFLCIO Labor Campaign Committee in Northern California.

Ash has announced that an organization meeting will be held in the offices of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, of which he is executive secretary, Saturday night May 3.

Vice-chairmen of the committee will be named at that time. An intensive campaign, with sub-chairmen will in turn recruit local union chairmen is being mapped out, Ash said.

In accepting the Northern California chairmanship of the Labor-for-Engle Campaign Committee, Ash made the following statement:

"Congressman Engle has the LLPE indorsement for U. S. Senator on the Democratic ticket which means that his Labor Campaign Committee will officially reach over 80 percent of the AFL membership in California.

"The results of Labor's recent registration drive, showing a 16 to 1 swing to the Democratic Party, are convincing proof that the LLPE indorsement of Engle represents the bulk of labor's support. Congressman Engle is also the indorsed candidate of the CIO on both tickets. It is safe to predict that the Committee's campaign for Engle will be the dominant labor activity in the Senatorial race."

COPE region meet after the primary

National AFL-CIO political headquarters announced that a two-day area conference will be held June 7-8 in San Francisco under auspices of the Committee on Political Education.

James L. McDevitt, national COPE director, said that participation would be open to representatives of all state and city central bodies and local unions.

All sessions will held in the Fairmont Hotel.—State Federation Newsletter.

Demo County Fair Saturday, May 10th

The Alameda County Democratic Fair will be held at the county fairgrounds in Pleasanton Saturday, May 10. There will be games and amusements from 2 to 6 p.m., buffet supper 6 to 8 p.m., and dancing until midnight. Tickets can be secured at any Democratic campaign headquarters or at the fairgrounds.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER for Nick Petris, Democratic candidate for Assembly in the 15th District, will be Martin Huff, Oakland certified public accountant, is announced by John King, chairman.

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Petris to address Demo Pension Club

A joint meeting of the Democratic Pension Labor Clubs of the 8th Congressional District will be held tonight (Friday, May 2) at 6:00 p.m. at the True Food cafeteria, 308 - 14th Street, Oakland, with Nicholas Petris, candidate for Assemblyman in the 15th District, as the principal speaker.

President C. F. Dittmar said that at the April 25 meeting of the clubs of the 7th Congressional District the speeches of Jeffery Cohelan, candidate for Congress in that district, and of Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx aroused great interest. Groulx told the CLC later that the Pension Labor people seemed better informed on "right to work" than almost any group he had addressed.

2 new ways to aid unemployed urged

WASHINGTON — Two new types of emergency action to ease the plight of the unemployed were urged by the AFL-CIO in testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee.

At the same time, limited action to extend unemployment compensation benefits beyond present expiration dates through loans to the states, as proposed by the Eisenhower Administration, was endorsed. However, Nelson Cruikshank, director of the AFLCIO Department of Social Security, warned that it constitutes no "substitute for basic improvements" needed in the present law.

The AFLCIO's two-point proposal would give federal "recovery benefits," similar to unemployment insurance benefits, to the jobless who are not protected by the law but who have records of recent employment; and authorize federal grants for general assistance to help those not eligible for either unemployment compensation or recovery benefits.—AFLCIO News.



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Yes, Mr. Knowland, there IS a 'double standard'

Senator Knowland in his speech before the CIO political convention in Fresno April 19 called attention to the fact that although he had voted for the Taft-Hartley Act and for overriding President Truman's veto of it, the same was true of Congressman Engle, whom labor is endorsing for U. S. Senator.

The Senator asked a question then which he doubtless felt embarrassed his hearers very much:

"Is there a double standard? If a Democrat votes for Taft-Hartley is he excused and endorsed? If a Republican does the same thing is he condemned and liquidated?"

The answer to this searching question is: YES!

Of course, that answer requires some qualifying comment. Labor doesn't just blindly endorse all Democrats and reject all Republicans.

But Senator Knowland, as well as labor, knows the political history of this country well enough to know that on the whole the Democratic Party has been more favorable to the interests of labor than has the Republican Party.

In fact, the Democratic Party is more favorable to all interests than is the Republican Party—with the exception of one interest, the one interest which the Republican Party serves faithfully, the interest of the larger corporations.

This was the point which former Secretary of State Dean Acheson—who is a wealthy corporation lawyer, by the way—made in his book, "A Democrat Looks at His Party." Mr. Acheson said that while there were many people of wealth in the Democratic Party it drew together in its folds rich and poor and middling well-off in a way that the Republican Party does not, and that therefore the Democrats serve better the best interests of the entire country.

When a man goes into office as a candidate of the Democratic Party the pressure within his own party is upon him to pay more heed to the interests of labor, along with the interests of the small businessman, and even of the "intellectuals" whom the Republicans despise so much, than would be the pressure within his party upon him if he were elected as a Republican.

Obviously, individual variations occur. Labor supported Senator Morse when he was a Republican. But the individual variation in Senator Knowland's case is in the direction of stiffer and tougher characteristic Republicanism, that is, devotion to the interests of the wealthy, than in the case of many Republican office holders. In fact, Joseph Alsop the syndicated columnist, hit the nail on the head when he said in the Oakland Tribune April 22:

"If you had to choose a single Republican to typify the Republican Party, the best choice nowadays would surely be William F. Knowland."

In short, he's succeeded his old friend and mentor, Robert A. Taft, as Mr. Republican, which makes him precisely the man labor wishes to see "condemned and liquidated" politically.

As for Clair Engle, labor people have had many talks with him since the days, now nearly 11 years ago, when he voted for Taft-Hartley. We like him, and we believe that when he's elected Senator his own desire and the pressure of his party upon him, will be to consider the interests of labor as a very important element in the California community, and also as a longtime ally of his party.

Observing State Senators' habits

A State Senate committee has turned in a report on the school system which inevitably, in view of the sputnik crisis, contains a lot of silly stuff. One thing the distinguished statesmen object to is a group project for children, "Observing the Squirrel's Habits." We hurl the walnut, the hickory nut, and the pecan nut right into their solonic teeth, and insist that teaching children to love and observe nature is a commendable part of our school system.

Those of us say this the more readily who have had a long course in "Observing State Senators' Habits" when there's a hot headline subject afoot.

But however headline-hungry a statesman may be, he should make some slight effort to refrain from being absurd. And to go rushing pellmell into the notion that, because of the sputnik, subjects other than science may be dropped, and then to attack a sound scientific project in the schools, is decidedly absurd.

Observing nature is what science is. Observing the habits of a squirrel is biological science, just as observing the habits of State Senators is political science.

Of course, for good measure the worthy Senators threw in some nasty digs at distinguished authors whose books are used in the schools, but book-burning is a cherished eternal sport.



GOVERNOR KNIGHT SETS MAY 5 MACHINISTS DAY

E. H. Vernon, Automotive Machinists 1546, has supplied East Bay Labor Journal with the full text of Governor Goodwin J. Knight's proclamation setting May 5 as Machinists Day. Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p.m. Lodge 1546 members and their families will meet to observe the anniversary. Following is Governor Knight's proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

As Chief Executive of a State that is keenly interested in the welfare of the working men and women whose hearts, hands and minds fashion the tools and operate the equipment on which the production, manufacturing, processing and assembly lines of our American way of life are dependent, I extend my warm greetings to the members of the International Association of Machinists, AFL-CIO on the occasion of its 70th anniversary.

This organization, dating back to 1888, has grown to 2,100 local lodges, with nearly 1,000,000 members in the United States, Canada, Hawaii, the Panama Canal Zone and Alaska, has agreements with more than 14,000 employers, and is in itself an integral part of our American economy. As such it is deserving of our recognition on having reached the Biblical age of three-score and ten. It is venerable and deserving of our respect, but it is ever enterprising, and in its aims, modes of procedure and accomplishments it is worthy of emulation in labor circles generally.

Workers in no other country in the world have enjoyed the advantages that Americans have because under our democratic philosophy all people share in the general prosperity. On the other side of the coin, if there is a recession, all people are asked to gird themselves for

whatever sacrifices may be necessary. The International Association of Machinists has always been ready and eager to assume its responsibilities in this regard whether in prosperity or adversity.

International Association of Machinists can take pride in its pioneer work in California in the negotiation of a health and welfare plan for its membership. Negotiated with the California Metal Trades Association in 1949, the plan was one of the first of its kind instituted in California. Now, nine years later, more than 85 percent of all workers in California who are employed under a union contract have health and welfare benefits as a right under their contracts.

Mindful of these facts, it is an honor and a privilege for me, Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California, to proclaim May 5, 1958, as MACHINISTS DAY, and to urge my fellow Californians to join in honoring an organization which has become a great institution.

The retiree

We must remember the human side of the retiree's problem. He needs more than economic dignity. He needs personal dignity that includes a sense of being needed and a sense of belonging. It is in this area that the trade union movement can be singularly effective.

First of all, we must be involved in the process of changing America's attitude. We must help overcome the idea that a person who is retired somehow belongs on the scrap heap. This is an attitude which seems to be peculiar to the cultures of Western Europe and the United States.—Joseph A. Beirne, president, Communications Workers.

Business & RW

A great many businessmen have no sympathy whatever with the so-called "right to work" laws. They know that the whole purpose of such laws is to break down union security through outlawing the union shop. Enlightened businessmen with a tradition of getting along with their workers, with bargaining fairly, are not the ones to join in movements to disrupt the collective bargaining process and undermine trade unions.

The "right to work" approach is merely the modern expression of a now outmoded resistance to unions.—Congressman Melvin Price of Illinois.

KENNETH JARRATT, 801 Second Street, Antioch, writes: "Mr. Eisenhower, when asked about an answer to unemployment, said: 'I notice there is an increase in savings accounts. Why not use this for buying to promote prosperity?' Translated, this means: We've hooked you for all your earnings, so give us your savings. Then Mr. Eisenhower comes out with an amazing answer to the depression: 'Go out and buy!' With what? Our unemployment benefits? Hundreds of expansion programs from coast to coast have been canceled because industrialists lack confidence in the Administration, but we poor little wage slaves are supposed to have confidence and BUY! I think a much better answer would be, BUILD! and then buying would take care of itself."

PENNY LOWE and ROBERT GARCIA, members of CWA Local 9490, sent letters to the Chronicle protesting against the treatment given postal workers which led to the picketing of the San Francisco Post Office, for which two officers of the United Postal Workers were fired. Penny Lowe raised the question: "Is freedom of speech and the right of making peaceful protest to be denied to citizens whose only fault is that they serve the public?" Robert Garcia wrote to the Chronicle that "it seems to me that this case should be given a thorough review in your paper in order that we the public be allowed to know of any unsavory situation that may exist in our postal system." Whether or not the Chronicle will ever publish the letters isn't known, but some time ago President R. W. Rivers of Local 9490 had not seen them appear.

PEA-CARROT ROUTE

It is considered political suicide if candidates fail to attend as many shindigs as possible prior to the election, thus political calendars soon resemble an old-fashioned "progressive" dinner. In one evening they may eat hors d'oeuvres with the "Daughters of I Will Arise," soup with "The Sons of Tomorrow" and so on until dessert with the "South County Non-Voters League," shedding political bon mots all the while to the eager upturned faces of their expectant audiences.—Oakland Observer.

'RIGHT TO SHIRK'

Labor Attorney Charles Graham has suggested to Colorado unionists that they tag the proposed compulsory open shop amendment as a "right to shirk" bill. This is because it would allow those who did not want to pay union dues to freeload.—Colorado Labor Advocate.